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Dear Prospective Member:

As you may or may not know an effort is being made to put together a Federation of Organizations from the community, that can address itself to the pressing problems of the Inner-City. In this regard, we attempted to contact as many Organizations as possible, but because of the urgency of our task, you and your organization may have been overlooked. If such was the case, please accept our heartfelt apologies.

You should know, there have been three meetings to date at which several officers were elected, namely, the Reverend Albert B. Cleage of the City-Wide Citizens Action Committee, as chairman, Edgar Brazelton of the Booker T. Washington Businessmen Association and Lorenzo Freeman of the West Central Organization as vice-chairmen.

It is very important that your organization understand that joining the Federation does not mean a loss of organizational autonomy, on the contrary, it is an attempt to buttress lasting organizational activities as well as providing the broadest possible forum for public expression. An example of the kind of united community project, I have in mind might be a Voter Registration Drive.

It should also be understood that member organizations and or individuals have the option to participate in projects of the Federation or not to participate as they choose.

The success or failure of this attempt at Federation could very well mean the beginning of progress and self-determination in the Inner-city. You are invited to the next meeting which is to be held on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1967 at 8:00 PM at FISHER BRANCH, YMCA, LOCATED AT 2051 WEST GRAND BOULEVARD.

We look forward to your presence at our meeting. It is only together that we will overcome these pressing problems facing the Inner-city. Hope to see you on Thursday, December 14th at 8:00.

Sincerely,

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